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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
Vice President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

With the deadline for accepting Recovery Act funds now upon us and some governors indicating that they will not accept funds apportioned for their states, I am writing to reiterate the request I made a few weeks ago that when you consider reallocating the money that has been turned down, Michigan would like to be first in line. In these most difficult economic times, the Recovery Act is exactly what our state needs to protect our citizens and help get them working again.

I firmly believe we cannot afford to leave a single dollar on the table or miss even one opportunity to move our states and the nation forward. Since at least three governors have stated that they do not plan to accept all the funds allocated for their states, I would ask that these resources be reapportioned and made available to other states, particularly those with the most significant economic challenges.

Michigan's needs are great, but so is our collective will to succeed. I have met with community, business, and nonprofit leaders throughout the state over the past few weeks, and they are ready to put every dollar to work for Michigan families. If there are more funds available, we are well positioned to compete for and take full advantage of the additional opportunities they provide to save and create jobs, protect our citizens, and transform our economy.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Granholm", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor